

November 4, 2004

Mary Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.T.E. 03-124

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

The Attorney General's Office and the Massachusetts Electric Company have reached an agreement in principle for settlement of this proceeding in conjunction with several other pending matters, and the parties have worked diligently to reduce the agreement to writing. The final draft of this settlement is currently pending executive review, and the parties shall file the agreement with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy as soon as it is approved. If the agreement is not filed by November 5, 2004, the parties will appear at the Department's request for a status conference.

Sincerely,

Alexander J. Cochis
Assistant Attorney General

cc: Service list